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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7087

BILL NUMBER: SB 475

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 30, 2010

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Public Employee Health Plan Eligibility.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Schneider

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: ☒ **GENERAL**
☐ **DEDICATED**
☐ **FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill specifies that coverage under state employee and state educational institution health plans is available to certain individuals.

Effective Date: July 1, 2011.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill makes only the following individuals eligible for state employee health plan benefits: a state employee and their spouse and children. Under the bill, domestic partners will not be considered eligible for state employee health plan benefits. The State Personnel Department (SPD) reports that currently domestic partners are not eligible for state employee health plan benefits.

Currently, public employers known to provide health coverage for domestic partners of employees include the city of Bloomington, Indiana State University, Indiana University, Purdue University, the University of Southern Indiana, and Ball State University. The number of eligible adults who live with employees of public employers who provide health coverage for domestic partners of employees and the health risk of these eligible adults are unknown. Consequently, the impact is indeterminable.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: This bill will also apply to health insurance purchased by local units of government and local school corporations. Local government groups enrolled in the Local Unit Government Employees (LUG) health plan would be unaffected by the provisions of this bill. LUG participants have the same benefits as state employees, but are part of a separate risk pool.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: All.

Local Agencies Affected:

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